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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS
OF INTOLERANCE AND OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON RELIGION OR BELIEF

Letter dated 16 April from the Permanent Representative of
Turkey to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to
the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights

I would like to bring the following to your kind attention.

The document E/CN.4/1997/91 dated 30 December 1996 of the fifty-third session of the Commission on Human Rights, under item 19 of the provisional agenda concerning the implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief, in the last sentence of paragraph 51 on page 12 reads as follows: "The fate of the Muslims in Thrace is still bound up with that of the Greek minority and Orthodox Patriarchate in Constantinople." The said Greek minority and Orthodox Patriarchate are in Istanbul. Therefore, the word "Constantinople" should be replaced by the word "Istanbul".

Similarly the document A/51/542/Add.1 dated 7 November 1996 of the fifty-first session of the United Nations General Assembly, under item 110 (b) of the agenda concerning the implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief, in the last sentence of paragraph 119 on page 25 reads as follows: "Greece continues to link their treatment to that of the Greek minority and the Orthodox Patriarchate of Constantinople ...". In this sentence too, the word "Constantinople" should be replaced by the word "Istanbul".

The documents referred to above contain reports of Mr. Abdelfattah Amor, Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion and belief.

I would like to request you, Mr. Chairman, to circulate this letter as an official document of the fifty-third session of the Commission on Human Rights.

(Signed):

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative
